Mr. A. Gopala Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*) :

(*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Village Unions in the State.

36. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan** : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number and names of Village Unions sanctioned last year ; and

(*b*) how many of them have begun to function.

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai : (*a*) 13. They are ;

1. Kadiapattanam
2. Arudesom
3. Kadakkavoor
4. Karunagapalli
5. Kozhimukku
6. Cheppad—Valiakuzhi
7. Vadakkekara
8. Mylapra
9. Madapally
10. Thiruvarpu
11. Kuthattukulam
12. Muvattupuzha, and
13. Kothakulangara

(*b*) All except Cheppad—Valiakuzhi, Vadakkekara and Mylapra have begun to function.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan : With reference to answer to part (*b*), may I know why the Village Union in those places has not begun to function ?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai : That information has been called for from the Division Peishkar. Obviously, certain bye-laws might not have been framed by those Unions. Or, certain items of equipment and other things necessary for the starting of those institutions might not have been ready yet. Anyway, details have been called for.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan : May I ask, have not seven months elapsed since the starting of the Village Union in those places ?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai : Yes, but the delay will be minimised.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar (*Nominated*): May I know whether other Unions are working as per bye-laws framed by them?

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Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai : They have all been directed to frame bye-laws on the basis of model bye-laws which have been approved by the Legal Remembrancer to Government.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know whether the bye-laws referred to as approved by the Legal Remembrancer have been published in the Government Gazette ?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai: No, they have not been published.

Tube well at Nellanikkal.

37. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan :** Will the Government be pleased to state how far they have proceeded in sinking a tube well at Nellanikkal (Trikunnapuzha pakuthy, Kartikapalli taluk) ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: The work relating to the well will be attended to after ascertaining the results of the investigation of Kuttanad Water Supply scheme.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: The answer furnished by Government expresses certain doubts about the success of the scheme. That being the case may I know whether the Government could not refrain from acquiring a site for sinking a tube well at Nellanikal?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : No site has been purchased. A private individual has placed a site at the disposal of Government.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi : May I ask, is not the difficulty due to the removal of the necessary apparatus from the Kuttanad area before the work there is completed ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : There is no difficulty at all by the removal of the apparatus. In fact, we are arranging to remove it from where it is working at present.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*) : May I know, where the apparatus referred to is working at present ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: At Monkombu.

Improvements to a ryots' road.

38. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have effected any improvement during the year on the ryots' road from Choolatheruvu market to Palamood landing place in Kartikapalli taluk ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : No. An estimate for improvements to the road has been prepared and further action is being taken by the P. W. D.

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